REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 5 and 6 are pending in this application.

II. CLAIM REJECTIONS § 102

Claims 1, 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,674,736 to Tsubo ("Tsubo"). Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been cancelled making their rejections moot. Claim 5 was identified as allowable if rewritten in independent form and claim 6 was also identified as allowable. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 should have no pending rejections or objections and are in condition for allowance.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 5 and 6 are in condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested. If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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